



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Date: July 16, 2004

THOMAS G. HERRON

Serial No. : 09/872,776

Examiner Mark Ruthkosky

Filed : June 1, 2001

Group Art Unit 1745

For : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING FUEL CELL PURGE CYCLES

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office action dated March 16, 2004, the time for response being extended by one month, please consider the following remarks and reconsider the application. Attached hereto is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), providing for a timely response up to and including July 16, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification	None
Amendments to the Claims	Begin on page 2
Amendments to the Drawings	None
Remarks	Begin on page 9